

About Voting Rights

For the most current information about voting rights for individuals with disabilities, please visit: [Disability Rights North Carolina - Access the Vote](#). For the most current information about voting, visit the [State Board of Elections](#).

Voting Requirements

Do I need photo ID to vote?

- Yes. You are required to show photo identification to vote in North Carolina. The State Board of Elections (SBOE) has a [list of acceptable forms of ID](#).
- If you do not have one of the required forms of photo ID, you can obtain free voter identification from your local board of election. Please plan ahead if you need to obtain an ID prior to an election.

Can I still vote curbside?

- Yes. [Curbside voting](#) is an option for any qualified voter who is unable to enter the polling place due to age or physical disability that creates physical barriers to accessing voting in person without physical assistance.

Elections

Early Voting

- [Early voting](#) lasts 17 days and ends on the Saturday before Election Day. However, each county Board of Elections is setting the number and locations of sites, so availability of early voting may vary.
- If you would like to register as you vote during the early-voting period, you must bring photo ID or items listed in the [Help America Vote Act](#) that show your name, address, and Social Security number.
- See the [State Board of Elections](#) or your local Board of Elections for more information on one-stop voting and early voting.

Same-Day Voting (One-Stop Voting)

- You are allowed to register and vote on the same day at early voting locations. Find more information at the [State Board of Elections](#).

Pre-registration of 16- and 17-year-olds

- Sixteen and 17-year-olds may pre-register through a civic program in North Carolina high schools or by submitting registration information to the local Board of Elections, but they cannot vote until they turn 18. For more information see the [SBOE site](#).

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Voting Hours

- Voting runs from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. Hours during the early-voting period may vary, based on location and county. Note: If you are in line to vote when polls close on Election Day or during early voting, you will be permitted to vote. It is important that if the line is long, you do not leave the line. Your vote matters.

Absentee Voting/Voting by Mail

- You can vote using an absentee ballot. Please carefully follow [the instructions](#) for obtaining, filling out, and returning absentee ballots.
- You can also request assistance from the Board of Elections if you do not have a near relative or legal guardian to assist you in voting absentee. To get more information, go to the Board of Elections website section on [absentee voting/vote by mail](#).
- Voters must request an absentee ballot using the NC Absentee Ballot Request form online at the [NC Absentee Ballot Portal](#), or by downloading a paper version of the form from the [Board of Elections website](#).
- You **cannot** write a letter to request a ballot, you must use the ballot request form online or by using the printable SBOE form. The last day to request a ballot is 5:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the election.
- The voter, a voter's near relative, or a voter's guardian must provide the voter's date of birth and ID information.
- The absentee ballot must be witnessed by two people older than 18 or by one person who is a Notary Public.
- Completed ballots are due by 7:30 p.m. on Election Day. You can take them to the local Board of Elections, mail them, or walk them to the polls. The Board of Elections will accept mailed absentee ballots that **arrive** by that date and time. Ballots also may be returned to one-stop voting sites during early voting.
- **An absentee voter who needs assistance voting due to a disability may receive assistance from any person they choose.** If the voter with a disability does not have someone they feel comfortable with assisting them to vote, they can request help from a [Multipartisan Assistance Team \(MAT\)](#). The MAT can help with requesting an absentee ballot as well as filling out and submitting the ballot.

Polling Places

- If you show up at the wrong polling place, or do not have photo ID, you can vote with a provisional ballot. Please check your voter registration information on your voter registration card or through your local Board of Elections to locate your correct polling place.
- You may be required to provide additional information and/or photo ID within a specific time period for your provisional vote to be counted.
- Contact the State Board of Elections to get information on your local board or go to the [State Board of Elections website](#) or call 919-814-0700 to check your registration status and polling place.